At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, November 3, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE Dan Elliott, Administrator Utility Division

- (469) In the matter of SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION Docket D97.10.204; On October 3, 1997, Shelby Gas Association filed an application to increase rates for Natural gas service by \$62,403. This is an increase from their present revenue requirement of \$780,034 to \$842,437 which is \$61,839 below their approved revenue requirement of \$904,276. A interim order has been drafted and distributed. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the interim order. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- (470) In the matter of PACIFICORP Docket D97.10.195; On October 20, 1997, PP&L filed an application seeking authority to borrow from its subsidiaries and issue promissory notes to its subsidiaries without limitation provided that such borrowings bear interest at rates which do not exceed the interest rates which the Company would otherwise incur externally. In Docket No. 83.2.8 the Commission authorized borrowing from subsidiaries limited to \$200,000,000. PP&L believes that there may be occasions where the current limitation of \$200,000,000 will adversely affect PP&L's short-term borrowing costs. A default order has been drafted. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Default Order no. 6023. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- (471) In the matter of CITIZENS TELE. CO. Dockets D97.9.164 & D97.9.165; On October 15, 1997, Citizens Telecommunications Company filed tariff pages implementing the change in the Public Service Commission fee from .18% to .22% and adding the Montana Consumer Counsel fee of .07%, effective October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the tariff filing. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- (472) In the matter of US WEST COMMUNICATIONS Docket N97.10.190; On October 15, 1997, US WEST filed tariff pages revising some non-recurring charges and proposing some structure changes to the Private Line Transport services. The filing increases Rollover non-recurring charges for Voice Grade Private line and Digital Data Service; introduces a service guarantee provisioning; revises contract terms and conditions; and adds clarifying language to credit allowance for service interruption. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the revised tariff pages. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(473) In the matter of TN1881 - Laidlaw Medical Transportation, Inc. dba MedTrans of Montana, Billings, Montana requests permission to amend the 'dba' shown on PSC No. 8996 to American Medical Response. If approved the authority will be amended to read "Laidlaw Medical Transportation, Inc. dba American Medical Response", Billings, Montana.

Class B - Handicapped persons, convalescents, and wheelchair patients, between all points and places in Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater, Big Horn and Musselshell Counties, Montana. Limitations: All transportation must originate or terminate in Yellowstone County.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to grant permission to amend DBA of PSC No. 8996.

(474) In the matter of TN1882- Winter Sports, Inc. dba The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort, Whitefish, Montana, requests permission to lease PSC No. 9387 to Jill Michelle Richards dba Whitefish Taxi & Kiddie Cab, Whitefish, Montana for a five month period November 3, 1997 to April 3, 1998.

Class B - Passengers and baggage within the City of Whitefish, Montana and a fifteen (15) mile radius thereof. Limitations: Carrier is prohibited from operating vehicles with a passenger capacity above eight (8).

Commissioner Rowe moved to grant permission to lease PSC No. 9387 for a period of five months. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

	DAVE FISHER, Chairman
	NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair
	BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
ATTEST:	DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary	BOB ROWE, Commissioner
(SEAL)	

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Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE Karen Hammel, Mike Lee

(475) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of 1+ IntraLATA dialing parity - L-97.9.7-RUL; Commissioner McCaffree moved to issue the Notice of Adoption of Proposed Rules dealing with 1+ IntraLATA dialing parity. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman			
NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair			
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner			
DANNY OBERG, Commissioner			
BOB ROWE, Commissioner			

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Wayne Budt

(476) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the request for late intervention by G & L Transit, Inc. - Docket No. T97.15.PCN; Commissioner Anderson moved to deny the request for late intervention of G & L Transit, Inc. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(477) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of its budget and staff travel; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve out-of-state travel for Mike Lee to attend the New Age Western Power market Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 11 and 12, 1997. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE	E FISHER, Chairman
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NANC	CY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair
BOB	ANDERSON, Commissioner
DANN	NY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 4, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner

APPEARANCE Martin Jacobson

- (478) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the transfer of Lone Mountain Spring, Inc. Docket No. D97.8.140; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to prepare an order for the Commission's approval:
- 1) affirming PSC authority over the transfer;
- 2) denying Cronin's petition for a full contested case, and
- 3) approving the transfer.

Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman				
NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair				
BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner				

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, November 17, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Utility Division

Commissioner Anderson was absent and did not vote on the following items.

APPEARANCE Dan Elliott, Administrator

In the matter of COLSTRIP COMMUNITY SERVICES - Dockets D97.4.60 & D97.4.61; On April 9, 1997, CCSC filed an application for approval of rate increases for the water and sewer services it provides in Colstrip, Montana. CCSC requested a general rate increase of \$153,780 in annual revenues from water rates and additional annual revenues of \$89,750 from sewer services. On September 26, 1997, CCSC and MCC filed a stipulation agreement which provided for a general rate increase of \$145,090 in annual revenues for water service and \$84,521 for sewer service. On October 8, 1997, a public hearing was held on these Dockets in Colstrip. A Final Order approving the stipulation has been drafted. Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve Final Order Nos 5977a and.

APPEARANCE

5978a. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(480) In the matter of TN1883 - Mark L. Foos dba Northwest Passage, Billings, Montana requests permission to continue the lease of PSC No. 9332 to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a twelve month period, December 23, 1997 to December 23, 1998.

Class B - Passengers and their personal belongings between all points and places in the State of Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to that provided by vehicles with a rated seating capacity of eight or less. (2) Transportation must originate or terminate in Yellowstone County. (3) No passenger transportation services shall originate or terminate within Fergus, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Toole, Treasure, Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties, with the exception of Fort Smith, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. (4) Transportation utilizing luxury limousines or motor coach (bus) is prohibited. (5) Transportation of railroad personnel is prohibited.

(6) Transportation movements which both originate and terminate within Billings, Montana and a fifty (50) mile radius thereof are prohibited. (7) Transportation may not originate within Flathead County.

Commissioner McCaffree moved to approve the request for continuation of PSC No. 9332. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman
Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Danny Oberg, Commissioner
Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott

- (481) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Natural Gas Case Docket No. D97.11.212 and D96.2.22; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the requested protective order in part with certain limitations without prejudice. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- (482) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the filings of interim licenses for natural gas suppliers; Commissioner McCaffree moved to withdraw Requirements 1(f), 1 (g) and 1(h) from interim licensing rules for natural gas suppliers. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed 4-1. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree, Anderson and Oberg voted aye. Commissioner Rowe dissented.

APPEARANCE Karen Hammel

(483) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of U S West Communication's motion to extend time until November 19, 1997 Interconnection Agreement - Docket No. D97.7.135; Commissioner Rowe moved to grant the request by USWC for extended time until November 19, 1997 to file certain information. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE Kate Whitney

(484) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of winter gas and electric terminations; Commissioner Anderson moved to renew its annual procedure delegating to the PSC consumer staff, approval of winter terminations. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, the following members were present:

Dave Fisher, Chairman Nancy McCaffree, Vice Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

- (485) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of pending litigation US West Communications vs PSC concerning issuance of protective order; Commissioner McCaffree moved to reconsider the Commission's previous decision and issue a protective order for Schedule 23, Schedule 24 (column F) and Schedule 27 of USWC 1996 Annual Report. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, McCaffree and Oberg voted aye. Commissioners Anderson and Rowe dissented.
- (486) Commissioner Anderson moved as a substitute motion to reconsider the PSC's previous action and issue a protective order for Schedule 23, Schedule 24 (column F) but not Schedule 27. Motion failed for lack of a second and vote reverted to the original vote.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott, Robin McHugh

(487) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of motions for reconsideration of the final order - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Anderson moved to direct staff to draft an order denying Enron's motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed 3-2. Commissioners Fisher, Oberg and Anderson voted aye. Commissioners Rowe and McCaffree dissented.

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, November 24, 1997, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chairman Fisher was on vacation but did leave his proxy on the following issues to Vice Chair McCaffree.

APPEARANCE Dan Elliott, Administrator Utility Division

- (488) In the matter of MDU/CULBERTSON PROPANE/MILLER OIL Docket D97.10.187; On October 10, 1997, MDU filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of the propane system in Culbertson, Montana to Miller Oil Company. On October 22, 1997, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing. Protests or requests for hearing were due November 8, 1997. No protests or requests for hearing were received. A Final Order approving the sale has been drafted. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Final Order No. 6025. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.
- (489) In the matter of MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. Docket N97.11.21; On November 7, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corp., filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-24, proposing the following:
- (1) to add Option F (Prism Plus), Option K (Commercial Dial 1 Service), Option R (MCI Preferred), Option V (Advanced Option 1 for Small Business), Option U (MCI Flat Rate Plus), and Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business) to the Pay phone Use Charge; (2) to grandfather the Guarantee Plan for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business; (3) to introduce the Calling Card Plan for Option X (Advanced Option II for Small Business; and (4) to make various text changes.
- This was a notice item 11/17/97. Commissioner Rowe moved to approve Transmittal Letter No. 97-24. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.
- (490) In the matter of CENTRAL MONTANA COMMUNICATIONS Docket N97.11.211; On November 3, 1997, Central Montana Communications filed tariff pages adding: a new Internet Access Plan rate for high volume internet users; a special promotion providing a fifty percent reduction in the non-recurring installation charge for a second residential line; and a special promotion schedule exempting the non-recurring charge to add Custom Calling Features. Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the tariff pages. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(491) In the matter of TN1884 - Muddy Creek Enterprises, Inc., Lame Deer, Montana requests the cancellation and termination of PSC No. 5295, effective immediately.

Class C - Bechtel Power Corporation workers from Lame Deer, Montana to Colstrip, Montana and return.

Commissioner Rowe moved to cancel PSC No. 5295. Commissioner Oberg seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.

(492) In the matter of TN1885 - Schelko, Inc. dba Silver Eagle Shuttle Company, Billings, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 9352 to Silver Eagle Shuttle, Inc., Billings, Montana for a one year period November 17, 1997 to November 17, 1998.

Class B - Passengers in charter service between all points and places in Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties, Montana, on the one hand, on the other all points and places in Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Yellowstone, and Big Horn Counties, Montana. Limitations: (1) Transportation is restricted to vehicles having a seating capacity of twenty-one (21) passengers or less and no more than twenty-two (22) persons in the vehicle, including the driver. (2) All transportation services must be provided in vehicles capable of transporting more than seven (7)passengers (including the driver). (3) Transportation as a jitney or taxi is prohibited. (4) Service is restricted to that provided by reservations made at least one (1) hour in advance. (5) No transportation under this authority by luxury limousine automobile.

Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the lease for a period of one year. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.

- (493) In the matter of TN1886 Boyne USA, Inc. dba Big Sky of Montana, Big Sky, Montana requests permission to lease PSC No. 7316 to Montana Motor Coach Ltd., Bozeman, Montana for the period of November 24, 1997 to April 16, 1998.
- Class B Passengers and baggage 1) between Huntley Lodge (Big Sky Resort) and Bozeman airport, 2) between Huntley Lodge (Big Sky Resort) and West Yellowstone Airport. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the lease for a period of six months. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.
- (494) In the matter of TN1887 Karst Stage, Inc., Bozeman, MT requests permission to lease PSC No. 9403 to Cutrubus Sparks Ventures LLC, Bozeman, Montana for the period November 24, 1997 to December 31, 1998.
- Class B Persons and personal baggage to be chauffeured in limousines, between all points and places in the following counties: Gallatin, Park and Madison. Limitations: 1) The transportation of more than six (6) passengers per vehicle is prohibited. 2) Solicitation of individual fares is prohibited. 3) Service as a taxi or cab is prohibited.

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the lease for the period requested. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.

APPEARANCE Laura Calkin Centralized Services

- (495) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the weeks of October 14, 1997, October 20, 1997, October 27, 1997 and November 3, 1997 and November 17, 1997. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.
- (496) In the matter of the approval of the Commission Calendar; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve the January 1998 calendar. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Acting Chair McCaffree voted Chairman Fisher aye.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

NANC	McCAF	FREE,	Acting	Chairma
DAVE	FISHEF	R, Com	mission	er
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	ROWE, C	Commig	gioner	

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 25, 1997, the following members were present:

Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Chairman Fisher was on vacation but did leave his proxy on the following issues to Commissioner Oberg.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Robin McHugh, Dan Elliott

(497) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of travel and its budget; Commissioner Rowe moved to authorize out-of-state travel for Dennis Crawford to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for a pipeline safety program. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Mike Sheard

- (498) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of AT&T / US West Communications, Inc. Docket No. D96.11.200; Commissioner Oberg moved to grant AT&T's request for limited briefing of certain issues. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".
- (499) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Sprint / USWC Interconnection Docket No. D97.8.160; Commissioner Oberg moved to issue the draft order in this docket as amended to clarify construction charges. Commissioner McCaffree seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".
- (500) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Mid Rivers / USWC Amendment to agreement Docket No. D97.10.208; Commissioner Rowe moved to waive the notice requirement and approve the staff draft of the order approving the amended agreement. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".

APPEARANCE

Karen Hammel, Will Rosquist

 $(501) \qquad \hbox{In the matter of the Commission's discussion of USWC / ISDN - Motion to Compel - Docket No. D96.7.121; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue an order that grants in part and denies in part, US West's Motion to Compel responses to certain data requests. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye". \\$

DAVE FISHER, Chairman

NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, November 25, 1997, the following members were present:

> Nancy McCaffree, Acting Chair Bob Anderson, Commissioner Danny Oberg, Commissioner Bob Rowe Commissioner

Commissioner Fisher was absent but left his proxy on the following issue to Commissioner Oberg.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Joel Tierney, David Burchett, Dan Elliott

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's Gas Tracker - Docket No. D97.11.212; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the interim order in MPC's annual gas tracker contingent on receipt of certain information and staff verification. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Dan Elliott, Joel Tierney

In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MPC's Gas Case -Reconsideration - Docket No. D96.2.22; Commissioner Oberg moved to approve Interim Order No. 6029 approving the flow through of MPC natural gas rates for Cut Bank Gas Company. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Oberg cast Commissioner Fisher proxy as "aye".

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

	DAVE FISHER, Chairman
	NANCY McCAFFREE, Vice Chair
	BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner
	DANNY OBERG, Commissioner
TEST:	BOB ROWE, Commissioner

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Kathlene M. Anderson Commission Secretary